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Baseball is rising from under the ice.

It would seem that this is a busy month with us, but who objects?

Now that meeting is over what will we do with all of our time?
Pray do not let the bitter

Swallow all the sweet,
But have a kindly greeting

For every one you meet.
'Tis thus, by helping others
Fill up their lives with soag,
We may in turn be lifted
When things with us go wrong.

The "Turkey Trot" may come and the "Grizzly Bear" may go, but civilization goes on forever.

Mr. Roosevelt, in a recent article in The Outlook, said women should have the right of suffrage when they know they want it. The point is, how are they going to know when they know they want it?

The "leap year girls," verily they have their reward.

If "All the world is a stage and all men mere players," it would seem the Chinese rebellion, the Turko-Italian War and the argument between England, Russia and Persia would furnish some interesting by-play while Mr. Taft soliloquizes to the audience concerning universal peace.

Child labor is again before the people of North Carolina. It is to be hoped the committee on same will be able to secure such legislation and enforcement thereof that will forever and eternally put an end to evils resulting from past laxity in this regard. Their efforts are worthy of the support of every man, woman and child of the State for only by proper conservation of the youthful energies of the coming generation during this period of development and change, can we hope to build up a State and commonwealth such as we would have ours be.

A woman's counsel brought us first to woe.—Dryden.

There is a woman at the bottom of all great things.—Sel.

DOING THE LITTLE THINGS.

Men have always hated to do the little things. When Naaman, the leper, was commanded by the prophet of God to go wash in the Jordan and be healed, he went away angry because he had been commanded to do such a little thing. That was thousands of years ago and the world has changed much since then. But human nature was the same then as now. Men still do not seem to realize that great things have small beginnings. They wish to leave the small things for somebody else to do, and do the big things themselves. If they could see this error more plainly, I don't believe we would have so many little men trying to do big things and more big men willing to do some little things. The man who has seen the importance of little things is the truly great man whether the world knows it or not. Those men who have accomplished most have been men who first learned to do the little things well. Geo. Washington was a good surveyor before he became a good general. Abraham Lincoln was a good rail splitter before he became a good president, and this holds true for all the other great men in the history of our country or any other. The man who waits for a chance to do some great thing before he does anything never does anything at all.

Some little things produce great results. Single conversations have changed lives. A few words have transformed humble and depraved youths into great and good men. We are told that a few words spoken by the missionary Moffat changed David Livingston, the weaver, into David Livingston, the savior of Africa, and Statton's conversation with a drunken book-binder gave us the apostle of temperance, John B. Gough. Numerous other examples like this might be mentioned. One has no idea what might be accomplished by doing just a little deed of kindness or speaking just a gentle word to another. Just a little thing may change the tide of some life from worthlessness into a life the praise of whose deeds will ring over our land. We don't know when we speak a kind word or do a deed of kindness to some one, what it will amount to, but it is sometimes seed sown in good ground.

We can't all be great. Some of us haven't the ability to do great things, but we all have the power to do little things. In doing these we may help some one else to become great. Let us try it.

C. J. F.

THE GOSPEL INVITATION.

Dr. Atkinson was at his best Sunday morning when he delivered a sermon on "The Gospel Invitation," which was derived from the text found in Matt. 22: 4, 5, "Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, behold, I have prepared my dinner! my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise." The likeness of this parable to the invitation of God to sinners to accept Christ as their Savior was presented so plainly and forcibly that we feel that it was seed sown in good ground, which will bring forth an abundant harvest in due season.

The speaker began by showing that the Bible is a book of one word, and that word is "Come." After the first two chapters of the Bible we find men afar off and the Bible saying, "Come." All through the Old Testament there seems to be a voice crying, "Come." In the New Testament there is more added, such as, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "Let whosoever will come and take of the water of life freely," and "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

Now take the parable. A king made a marriage feast for his son. He sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. They made fun of it and went their way. When the king heard thereof he was wroth, and he sent for his armies and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he told his servants that the wedding was ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy, so go out into the highways and invite all. The king represents God, and the servants represent the prophets in the Old Testament and his followers in the New Testament. The marriage feast is that of the Son of God to the church. The first invitation was to the Jews, and then to the Gentiles.

In the first place, we see that the king made all things ready. This represents the invitation of God to men and women. Still people will use the same old excuse when they are invited to come to Christ. They say, Just wait until I get things ready, and then I will come. Christ says I have made all things ready, and all you have to do is to come and partake of the feast. There is nothing you can do, but to come and accept.

Three years ago I saw a man of power and eloquence, who could sway multitudes with the power of his great personality, and yet that man had been a beggar and a tramp. He had been cast out with the filth and debris of society. He accepted Christ's invitation to "Come" and his life was transformed from one of utter worthlessness to one of power and influence.

The last division of the text is the willful and shameful neglect. We know how the house wife feels when she prepares a dinner and those invited do not come. Now this was a king's feast, and they did not come, but made fun of the feast. When a student prepares some good things to eat and invites his friends to partake with him, it would be disrespectful indeed, if the invited guests did not come, and more than that, make light of the feast. God's feast is spread and he invites us to come, how many are going to not only refuse, but make fun at the invitation? To such may God have pity and mercy on, and show them the error of their way before it is too late. I remember my last excuse for not preaching the Gospel. It was hard to turn from my chosen profession of law, but the greatest and last obstacle to be overcome was the fact that when I had gone and delivered the message as best I could, there would be those who would laugh and scorn and turn a deaf ear to the call of Christ.

A man on one occasion walked up to Dr. Chapman, and said, Don't you want

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to shake hands with a redeemed drunkard? One who was down in the gutter and at the very bottom of debauchery and disgrace. While lying on the street drunk, word came to me that my child was dying. I was carried to my humble home, and my child grasped my finger and said, Papa, I shall never go until you promise to meet me in heaven. The child died but his voice has ever been ringing in my heart, saying, Come now, all things are ready."

This king, who represents God, said that he would destroy those who would not come. He called them murderers. The same consequences are pronounced upon those who do not come to the feast made ready by God. All things are ready, will you come?
J. S. Truitt.

GEORGETOWN HAS NEW PRESIDENT.

Rev. Joseph J. Himmel, formerly President of Georgetown University, has retired from active duties on account of ill health. Dr. Alphonsus J. Donlon has been elected to fill the vacancy and has already actively entered upon the duties of his new office.

Morning Tonic.

Time is
Too Slow for those who Wait,
Too Swift for those who Fear,
Too long for those who Grieve,
Too Short for those who Rejoice;
But for those who love,
Time is not.
—Henry Van Dyke.

True friends visit us in prosperity only when invited, but in adversity they come without invitation.